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at
Centennial Park

REGISTRATION & SCHEDULE

Contact GMA registration staff for questions regarding Cities United Summit at registration@gacities.com

January 23-26, 2026



Omni Atlanta
190 Marietta St NW
Atlanta, GA 30303



ONLINE REGISTRATION
NOVEMBER 12 AT 10:00 AM

www.gacities.com





2026 SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS



Invited special guests including Georgia's top leaders



More than six opportunities to engage directly with Georgia legislators



The Capitol Connection Breakfast and “Cities United Day” at the Capitol



Unmatched training opportunities



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Hear directly from candidates running for Governor and Lieutenant Governor at the 2026 Cities United Summit. Get insight into their vision for Georgia and the issues that matter most to cities.



2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM	Municipal Training Institute classes (6-hour)
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Municipal Training Institute & Clerks classes (3-hour)
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Municipal Training Institute & Clerks classes (3-hour)
4:15 PM – 5:15 PM	Federal Policy Council Meeting
4:15 PM – 5:15 PM	Municipal Training Board Meeting
4:15 PM – 5:15 PM	Orientation Session for First-time Attendees

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM	Municipal Training Institute & Clerks classes (6-hour)
3:45 PM – 5:30 PM	GMA Board of Directors Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Worship Service
8:15 AM – 8:45 AM	Legislative Policy Council Meeting
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Policy Committee Meetings (2)
10:15 AM – 11:15 AM	Policy Committee Meetings (2)
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Awards Luncheon
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Policy Committee Meetings (2)
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Candidates Forum
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Networking Reception

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Capitol Connection Legislative Networking Breakfast
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Cities United Day at the Capitol: Photo on Capitol Stairs at 10:30 AM

*Cities United Summit full registration includes all Sunday and Monday events.
Training courses on Friday and Saturday require a separate registration fee.*



2026 GMA Cities United Summit and Municipal Training Institute PLANNING FORM

Name

Email

Title

City

Registration opens November 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM. Please visit www.gacities.com to register.
If you are unable to pay by card, ACH payment will be accepted during checkout.

Cities United Summit Full Conference Registration includes all Sunday and Monday events *(training classes require a separate registration fee)*

City Officials/City Staff	\$400	☐
Spouse/Guest of Registered City Official/City Staff Attendees	\$150	☐
GMA Business Alliance Program Representative	\$450	☐
Government Agency/Municipal Contract Lobbyist	\$525	☐
Non-Business Alliance Program Representative	\$1000	☐
Monday Day Pass Only <i>Day pass includes Monday Capitol Connection Breakfast and Cities United Day at the Capitol. Transportation is provided.</i>	\$125	☐

First-time Attendee?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you attend the New Member/First-time Attendee
Orientation Session? (1/23/25)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute

Participants may register for training only

Friday, January 23

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

6 hours of training credit - Lunch is included

Addressing Homelessness (New)	\$325	☐
Current Issues: Health in All Policies - Impactful Local Decision-Making to Ensure Healthier Communities	\$325	☐
Downtown Development Authority Basic Training (ends at 4:30 PM)	\$325	☐
How Shall We Live? Practical Ethics for Public Life*+	\$325	☐
Municipal Finance I*	\$325	☐

Classes with an * are on the "required" list for the Municipal Training Institute certificate program.

Classes with a + are part of the Advanced Leadership Track and are needed to complete the Certificate of Dedication.



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Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute Classes

Friday, January 23

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

3 hours of training credit – Lunch is included

Let's Get Social (Social Media Basics for Today)	\$230	☐
Open Records*	\$230	☐
Public Policy Development and Implementation*	\$230	☐
Recreation and Parks - Building Communities	\$230	☐
Succession Planning: Preparing for Tomorrow's Workforce Today	\$230	☐

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

3 hours of training credit – Lunch is included

Economics of Education	\$230	☐
Municipal Annexation: Growing Pains and Growth Spurts	\$230	☐
Practices for Successful Meetings*	\$230	☐
Public Works Services*	\$230	☐
Trends in Urban Design for Local Leaders	\$230	☐

Clerks Training Classes

Friday, January 23

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

3 hours of Continuing Education for maintaining Clerks Certification – Lunch is included

CLERKS CLASS: Onboarding Committee and Board Members (CEU Credit)	\$230	☐
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1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

3 hours of Continuing Education for maintaining Clerks Certification – Lunch is included

CLERKS CLASS: ADA Regulations and Steps for Meeting Website Compliance (CEU Credit)	\$230	☐
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Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute Classes Saturday, January 24

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

6 hours of training credit – Lunch is included

Building a Hometown Connection: GMA Lobbying 101	\$325	☐
Building Community Capacity Through Tourism	\$325	☐
Conflict Resolution*	\$325	☐
Creating a Downtown Renaissance: Advanced DDA Training	\$325	☐
Current Issues: Workforce Development	\$325	☐
Economic Development*	\$325	☐
Evolving with Technology: Key Insights (New)	\$325	☐
Harmony in Leadership: Nurturing Kindness, Civility, and Transformational Influence*	\$325	☐
Making Citizen Engagement Work in Our Communities*	\$325	☐
Money, Money, Money... Money! Funding City Projects and Programs Through Grants and Loans	\$325	☐
Municipal Long-Term Budgeting	\$325	☐
Planning and Zoning*	\$325	☐
Revitalizing Neighborhoods – Tools for Local Officials	\$325	☐
Service Delivery Strategy - Efficiency & Tax Equity for Local Governments	\$325	☐

Clerks Training Class Saturday, January 24

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

6 hours of Continuing Education for maintaining Clerks Certification – Lunch is included

CLERKS CLASS: Athenian Dialogue: <i>Be Mentally Strong During Tough Times: A Motivational Guide on How to Reduce Stress, Gain Self-Confidence and Thrive</i> Written by: Michael Drew (CEU Credit)	\$325	☐
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The Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute is offered through a partnership between GMA and the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ATTENDEE REGISTRATION:

The conference registration fee includes access to six policy meetings, the awards luncheon, candidate forums, networking reception, the Capitol connection breakfast and Cities United Day at the Capitol. Training classes have a separate fee and may be added on to conference registrations.

SPOUSE/GUEST REGISTRATION:

The \$150 fee includes access to the awards luncheon, candidates forum, networking reception, Capitol connection breakfast and Cities United Day at the Capitol.

MONDAY DAY PASS:

The day pass includes the Capitol connection breakfast and Cities United Day at the Capitol. Transportation will be provided to and from the Capitol following breakfast. This option is not available as an add on to those taking training and/or attending policy committee meetings and/or the awards luncheon.

MUNICIPAL TRAINING INSTITUTE CLASSES:

Training classes on Friday and Saturday require a separate registration and are not included in the conference registration fee. Full Conference registration is not required to register for training classes. * *Class descriptions can be viewed here:* [**Harold F. Holtz Training**](#)

CANCELLATION and CHANGE POLICY:

All changes and cancellations must be submitted in writing to registration@gacities.com. Cancellations after December 16th will be assessed a \$100 administrative fee. Cancellations after December 30th will not be eligible for refund.

REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR THE 2026 CITIES UNITED SUMMIT:

All Cities United Summit registrations will be handled online—no paper forms will be accepted. If you cannot pay by credit card, there will be an option to use ACH payments upon check out.

LOCATION:

The Omni Atlanta at Centennial Park will serve as the conference hotel. It is located at 190 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30303. The GMA room rate is \$179 (other room types are available for additional costs). For reservations, please call 404-659-0000 and ask for the GMA rate of \$179. To get the GMA rate, all reservations MUST be made by Monday, December 22nd. You may also make your hotel reservation online using the link below or in your conference registration confirmation.

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